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REPRESENTATIVE JAY McKNIGHT District 95 Hancock and Harrison Counties

Congressman Steven M. Palazzo
2349 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Palazzo,

I am writing you today in support of the City of Diamondhead's requests for funds to be used for their Town Center Infrastructure project. The city has developed a master plan for a Town Center District and created new zoning codes to assist with this development. These funds will be used to help install new roads, sewer, water, crosswalks, greenspace, street lights and sidewalks.

As you may know as State Representative I have already worked to award the city approximately \$3.5 million through the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund grant program. They have also made a local match of \$700k for a total of \$4.2 million to get started. I believe as does the city's leadership that these funds are critical to Diamondhead's economic growth moving forward.

Additionally, your support in securing funds to help accelerate this project would be very helpful and much appreciated.

As always, I am just a phone call away if I can ever be of help to you. Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions or need more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jay R. McKnight".

Jay R. McKnight
State Representative, Dist. 95



HANCOCK COUNTY PORT & HARBOR COMMISSION

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April 23, 2021

The Honorable Steven M. Palazzo
United States House of Representatives, MS-04
2349 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Palazzo,

Please accept this letter as our support for federal funding of Diamondhead's Town Center Infrastructure Project. Funding for this project would be utilized for public infrastructure upgrades to include new roads, sidewalks, water & sewerage, streetlights, crosswalks, greenspace, etc. to create a new Town Center in Diamondhead. The project creates a mixed-use business district in Diamondhead for new businesses, retail shops, restaurants, office space, apartments, hotels, etc. Potential benefits include increased property and sales taxes.

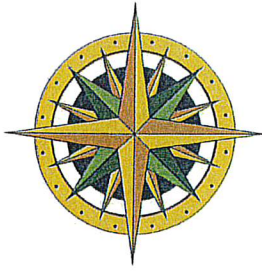
Current work and funding include a master plan for this Town Center District in addition to a new zoning code. The City has been awarded \$3.5 million in Gulf Coast Restoration Fund grants paired with a match of \$700,000.

If you have any questions or if I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for the consideration and helping move Hancock County, Mississippi forward.

Sincerely,

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William P. Cotter
Chief Executive Officer



Gulf Regional Planning Commission

Serving the Governments of the Mississippi Gulf Coast

April 23, 2021

Congressman Steven M. Palazzo
Mississippi's Fourth Congressional District
2349 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Congressman Palazzo:

I am writing this letter to express support for the City of Diamondhead's Town Center Infrastructure Project. The City of Diamondhead is requesting funding through a Federal Earmark of \$1M for roadway and associated infrastructure. This funding would create a new Town Center with new roads, sidewalks, water and sewer connections, street lights, and green space. It would increase property and sales tax revenue for the City and create many new jobs for the area. The new Town Center would reduce the overall vehicle miles traveled (VMT) for city residents for goods and services, improving air quality and the quality of life for Coast residents.

The Gulf Regional Planning Commission (GRPC) is the oldest planning agency of its type in the State and has served as a conduit for state and federal assistance for over five decades. It serves as a forum for cooperative decision-making and action on regional issues and is the federally-designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). GRPC extends its full support for this regionally significant project. When completed, the project would provide a substantial benefit to the entire coastal area. It would improve the transportation system network of southern Mississippi and the coastal regions of Louisiana and Florida. This project would significantly enhance traffic flows, open commercial corridors for development, and provide resilience to the transportation network.

I respectfully request that you give all due consideration to this request.

Sincerely,
GULF REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Paul J. Gavin
Executive Director



April 23, 2021

The Honorable Steven Palazzo
United States House of Representatives
2349 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Palazzo:

As you well know, Partners for Stennis & Michoud is a two-state non-profit organization with more than 250 member representatives who support space, earth and ocean research and exploration. Our members are from regional Chambers of Commerce, businesses, educational institutions, local governments, Stennis agencies and direct support companies, economic development foundations, and community groups. We are citizens who desire to encourage development of the Stennis Space Center region in Mississippi and Louisiana. Together, we promote the economic, technical, and academic growth and stability of the Stennis Space Center (SSC) and the Michoud Assembly Facility to ensure that government decision makers, business leaders and citizens know of the value and importance of these two NASA assets.

I am writing to you today to pledge our support for federal funding of Diamondhead's Town Center Infrastructure Project. This city is vitally important to the people who work at Stennis Space Center as a preferred residential area in Hancock County. We understand that funding for this project would be utilized for public infrastructure upgrades to include new roads, sidewalks, water & sewerage, streetlights, crosswalks, greenspace, etc. to create a new Town Center in Diamondhead. This project will significantly improve quality of life for residents and attract new residents to the area. The project will create a mixed-use business district in Diamondhead for new businesses, retail shops, restaurants, office space, apartments, hotels, etc. Potential benefits include increased property and sales taxes.

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If you have any questions or if I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your vision to see the value of this proposal and for your leadership to bring these resources home to Mississippi. I would be happy to discuss this further with you or your staff should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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April 23, 2021

The Honorable Steven Palazzo
United States House of Representatives
2349 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Palazzo:

As you well know, the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization with a mission to promote the social, civic, and economic well-being of Hancock County. We are a grass roots advocacy organization with close to 1,500 in member representatives. Our members are from governmental agencies, corporations, small businesses, and non-profits. We are citizens who work to encourage development of the cities and unincorporated areas of Hancock County. Together, we promote improving quality of life and economic activities throughout the county and the entire Mississippi Gulf Coast.

I am writing to you today to pledge our support for federal funding of a project that will accomplish all of these objectives: Diamondhead's Town Center Infrastructure Project. This city is vitally important to the people of Hancock County as a preferred residential area with outstanding amenities in Hancock County. We understand that funding for this project would be utilized for public infrastructure upgrades to include new roads, sidewalks, water & sewerage, streetlights, crosswalks, greenspace, etc. to create a new Town Center in Diamondhead. This project will significantly improve quality of life for residents and attract new residents to the area. The project will create a mixed-use business district in Diamondhead for new businesses, retail shops, restaurants, office space, apartments, hotels, etc. Potential benefits include increased property and sales taxes.

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Jason Chiniche
President

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United States House of Representatives
2349 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Palazzo:

The Hancock County Community Development Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) public charity established by the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce that serves as a funding conduit for projects with a broad community focus. Our purpose is to sponsor and support educational and community programs that stimulate job creation, foster small business growth and support workforce development. We act as an umbrella fiscal manager for 23 non-profit causes and our volunteers are keenly concerned with improving quality of life in Hancock County.

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Tish Haas Williams
Executive Director